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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

What a week! On Monday I was delighted to take receipt of £1150 of musical instruments, kindly donated by West Wight Rotary. This will make a huge difference to the children's learning, for which I am eternally grateful. Year 6 have been busy with a visit from a steam engine, in addition to travelling to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke on Wednesday. The Year 6 learning detectives have been working hard as well, looking for learning in a variety of classrooms. Their reports have been both thorough and helpful, and I look forward to meeting with them more formally next week. We erected our trees in St Mary's and the Methodist Churches on Tuesday. This year they are 'poet-trees', as the children enjoyed our 'Rhythm and Rhyme' poetry work so much. Spring term clubs forms went out on Tuesday and are due back by Thursday next week. If your child did not receive a form, please contact the school office or visit our website. Today we will be serving 147 Christmas Dinner's to the children at lunchtime - I wish the kitchen staff much luck, as well as my thanks! I hope to see many of you at the fair tomorrow and I hear that Starfish Class need to be prepared for a very special hunt on Monday...watch this space!

Miss Johnston ☺

STOP PRESS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please can we have outstanding **MUSIC TUITION MONEY** by **MONDAY MORNING** and **DINNER MONEY** by **WEDNESDAY MORNING**. Contact the office if you are unsure how much you owe.

Special Mention

To all those who appeared in the Isle of Wight Youth Concert Junior Band performance on Sunday evening. An excellent performance by all, but particularly to Lauren B for her solo! Also featuring: Oliver N, Sophie, Mia, George H and Ben Wl.

KS2 Half-termly Awards Next Friday @ 8:40am

Diary Dates

- 10th December - Christmas Fair 1-4pm
- 12th December - Phil the Bag Collection @ 8:30am
- 12th December - Starfish Reindeer Hunt (am)
- 12th December - KS1 Dress Rehearsal
- 13th December - KS2 Choir singing in Newport 9:45-11:30am
- 13th December - KS2 Christmas Party (pm)
- 13th December - KS1 Performance in St Mary's Church 1:30pm
- 13th December - Home football match against 9 Acres 3:30pm
- 14th December - KS1 Performance in St Mary's Church 1:30pm
- 15th December - Pre-School Christmas Performance @ 10am
- 15th December - KS1 Christmas Party (pm)
- 16th December - KS2 Half-termly Awards @ 8:40am
- 16th December - KS2 Carol/Christingle Service in St Mary's Church 1:30pm. Term ends at 2:45pm as usual.
- FAB OPEN** - 19th to 23rd December: Booking required
- 3rd January - Children return to school at 8:25am

Christmas Draw in aid of our school!

A chance to win a festive hamper, courtesy of Brighstone Village Stores. **THANK YOU!** Tickets £1. Draw to take place on 24th December. All proceeds to the school. Tickets available to buy in the village shop.

Phil the Bag

Please bring in all types of unwanted textiles in any condition - *shoes, bags, belts, hats, curtains, towels, bedding* on **MONDAY MORNING BETWEEN 8:15 and 8:30am**. Myself and/or members of office staff will be in the hall to receive items during this time. Please bring your bags to the external hall entrance in the staff car park, rather than coming through the school or main entrance into the hall. The school receives money by the kilo, as well as promoting our passion for recycling! Thank you for your support.

HAPPY, HEATHERS, HEALTHY, HEARTY MENU

- MONDAY:** Beef lasagne OR vegetarian pizza, new potatoes, salad and sweetcorn followed by Easi-Yo strawberry mousse
- TUESDAY:** **PARTY FOOD FOR KS2** and cod fish fingers OR tomato pasta bake, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed by cherry cookie and milkshake **for KS1**
- WEDNESDAY:** Mince in gravy, mashed potatoes, OR quorn sausages in gravy, carrots and peas, followed by custard rice pudding
- THURSDAY:** **PARTY FOOD FOR KS1** and cod fish fingers OR tomato pasta bake, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed by cherry cookie and milkshake **for KS2**
- FRIDAY:** Roast pork and apple sauce, OR cheese and onion whirls, roast potatoes, cabbage and mashed swede, followed by Flapjack.

Also homemade bread, crudites and fresh fruit are always available.
A jacket potato option is also available to children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

All the above are subject to change -Dinners now cost £1.85 per day
or £53.65 for every school day NEXT half-term

Christmas Parties

KS1 - **Thursday**
afternoon
KS2 - **Tuesday**
afternoon

We are delighted that everybody will be having party food on these days. No other packed lunch or school dinners will be required on that day. Children may bring party clothes in a bag to change into at lunchtime, suitable for participating in party games.

KS2 Choir

The 30+ strong KS2 choir have been practising hard and I'd like to express my thanks to Mrs Pugh and Mrs McQueen for their dedication in preparing for our choral events. The choir did a wonderful job opening the Christmas Tree Festival yesterday and will be performing **TOMORROW** in St Mary's Church (see below). On **Tuesday** next week, the choir will be appearing in Newport from 9:45-11:30am. If the weather is fine, you will find them singing in the squares. Please go along and show your support. Monies raised will contribute towards reducing the cost of future class trips and events for KS2.

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow between 1 and 4pm! There will be lots to see and do, refreshments, as well as our new 'secret present room' where children can buy and wrap presents for their friends and family. The local police will be in our staff car park at the front of the school between 11am and 2pm, with various different vehicles for the children to look inside and also to provide information on how to stay safe during the Christmas period. Our KS2 choir will also be singing in St Mary's Church at 1pm, so if you can't get into Newport to see them next week, please pop into the church on your way into the fair. Children participating in the choir should meet Mrs Pugh & Mrs McQueen in the church at 12:45, in school uniform.

Stars of Wonder Concert

St. Mary's Church, Brighstone: **Sunday 11th December, 7pm**. This annual musical concert is the 'grand finale' of the Christmas Tree Festival! Featuring local talent from in and around our community, including various pupils (past and present), parents and governors from Brighstone Primary School! With an interval of yummy mince pies and mulled wine and a retiring collection for the Island-based charity Love Russia.

FAB Bookings – Places for the Christmas break are filling fast, so don't forget to return your form as soon as possible to guarantee a place!

Donate a Coat

In an effort to keep the elderly and homeless warm this winter, you can help by donating any unwanted ladies, men's and children's coats in good condition to ITV's Daybreak and Salvation Army cause. Please bring in any unwanted items to the school hall **THIS MONDAY MORNING**, where parent Lisa Matthews has kindly volunteered to collect and deliver them to the depot. Please keep them separate to 'Phil the Bag' items.

Year 4 Residential – A reminder that parents can start to make payments towards the London trip from now. Full payment will be required by **February half-term**. Please see Mrs. McQueen for further details.

Christmas at Brighstone Library

Brighstone Library will be open **TOMORROW** during the Christmas Tree Festival from 10 – 1pm and then 2 – 5pm. All are welcome to pop in! There will be Christmas books to read, as well as the opportunity to make Christmas decorations. Why not pop in after your visit to our Christmas Fair, you'll be made to feel very welcome ☺

Year 6 Great Exhibition

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending Year 6's Great Exhibition last week. If you couldn't make it, please visit their 'Wallwisher' site, where you can see comments made by the parents about the exhibition:

<http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/greatexhibition>

The children have produced some excellent work and thoroughly enjoyed their topic learning. Their work is currently on display on boards in the hall.

Christmas Performances

IF you have been asked to supply a costume for the KS1 performance (the school are providing some), this needs to be brought in school on **MONDAY MORNING** for a dress rehearsal. A reminder that parents may only take photographs of their child and you must seek the permission of other parents, if you wish to take photographs with other children in them. The church will be open half an hour before the performances and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Please do not block the aisles or any of the doors. The performances may finish before the end of the day and you will be able to collect your child a few minutes early if that is the case. Please can those children who travel by bus/taxi ensure that forms are accurately completed, so that we know children's precise arrangements in advance to avoid last minute confusion. Thank you.

School Closure Dates for 2012

A reminder that the school will be closed on the following dates during the remainder of the academic year:

20th February

11th June

23rd July

Charity Challenge 2012

The County Press and Isle of Wight Radio are currently seeking nominations for a new charity to sponsor. Brighstone School is a registered charity (No: 307389) and we would love you to nominate us! We would like to continue to improve the premises and extend the offer that we are able to make to the children, parents and community, by providing additional facilities. As a church aided school, we do not receive any money from the Local Authority to do this. If you can spare 5 minutes, please complete the form sent home two weeks ago (or on IOW Radio website) and send it to the County Press or Isle of Wight Radio by **Friday 16th December**. Thank you for your support.



Matthew 1

Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Advent: Peace and Joy

Weekly Prayer:

Dear God,
O King of the Nations,
Prince of Peace,
Give the world your peace.
O King and Key of Life,
The joy of every heart,
Come and set us free from wrong,
Open the way for us.
Amen